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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO COMBAT CHOLERA EPIDEMIC

REF: A BUKAVU 0057, B BUKAVU 0061

1. THE COMMITTEE OF BELGIAN AND ZAIRIAN MEDICAL PERSONNEL COORDINATING EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE CHOLERA EPIDEMIC IN EASTERN KIVU HAS PRESENTED THE CONSULATE WITH A LIST OF MATERIALS REQUESTED FOR DONATION BY THE US. (THIS IS NOT A FORMAL GOZ REQUEST.)
2. THEY REQUEST TWO MODEL POJ FOOT-OPERATED JET INJECTION APPARATUS, COMPLETE WITH SPARE PARTS KIT AND OPERATIONS MANUAL, SOLD BY VERNITRON MEDICAL PRODUCTS, 5 EMPIRE BLVD., CARLSTADT, NEW JERSEY 07072. ALSO 1000 DRIPS, 500 NUMBER16 NEEDLES AND 500 NUMBER 17 NEEDLES.
3. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL MATERIALS ARE REQUESTED, BASED ON WORST-CASE PROJECTIONS ESTIMATING EVENTUAL INFECTION OF THREE PER THOUSAND OF TWO MILLION PEOPLE

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(HALF THE POPULATION OF KIVU). ONE-QUARTER OF THE FOLLOWING TOTALS WOULD SUFFICE FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS.
200 SYRINGES AND NEEDLES FOR INTRADERMAL INJECTIONS
400 LITERS CHOLERA VACCINE
200 MEDICAL SMOCKS
200 PLASTIC BOOTS
500 PLASTIC BUCKETS

200 BASINS FOR DISINFECTING HANDS
2000 BARS OF SOAP
200 HAND TOWELS
400 RAGS FOR CLEANING FLOORS
1000 METERS OF TENT CLOTH FOR MAKING CHOLERA-TYPE MATTRESSES
400 KILOS GLUCOSE BP
100 KILOS SODIUM CHLORIDE
150 KILOS SODIUM ACETATE
50 KILOS POTASSIUM CHLORIDE
200,000 CAPSULES TETRACYCLINE 250 MGR
4 KILOS TETRACYCLINE POWDER FOR PREPARING SYRUP
1000 AMPOULES TETRACYCLINE 250 MGR FOR IV AND IM
40,000 FANSIL TABLETS
30,000 NIVAQUINE 100 MGR TABLETS
30,000 ASPIRIN 500 MGR. TABLETS
1000 AMPOULES LARGACTIL 25 MGR/5 CC
500 PARIS RUBBER GLOVES
500 NASAL GASTRIC PROBES
200 PLASTIC APRONS
1,000 LITERS CRESYLOL
200 KILOS CALCIUM HYPOCHLORITE
5,000 TABLETS CORROSIVE SUBLIMATE
20,000 TABLETS POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE
5,000 TABLETS FORMOL POLYMERISE 500 MGR.

4. PURPOSE OF REQUEST PARAGRAPH 3 IS TO SET UP A NETWORK
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OF SMALL DISPENSARIES, PARTICULARLY IN DENSELY POPULATED
AREAS, TO PERMIT PROMPTER TREATMENT OF CHOLERA VICTIMS.
THE MORTALITY RATE IN THE PRESENT EPIDEMIC HAS BEEN
VERY HIGH, UP TO THIRTY PERCENT IN SOME AREAS, BECAUSE
OF THE INABILITY OF MOST VICTIMS TO RECEIVE PROMPT
TREATMENT. MEDICAL OFFICIALS ALSO HOPE TO STOP THE
EPIDEMIC BEFORE IT SPREADS WESTWARD TO THE ZAIRE RIVER.

5. SUBJECT TO EMBASSY CONCURRENCE CONSULATE RECOMMENDS
THAT USG RESPOND FAVORABLE TO THIS REQUEST TO EXTENT
FEASIBLE. WHILE NO FORMAL GOZ REQUEST HAS YET BEEN
MADE, BELGIAN GOVT HAS ALREADY SENT TWO PLANELOADS
OF VACCINE AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES WHICH CONSTITUTE THE
BULK OF MATERIALS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TO COMBAT THE
EPIDEMIC. ASSISTANCE FROM INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS HAS
ALSO BEEN REQUESTED THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNELS.
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